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## Traffic Library Is Dedicated



WINSTON HOLLARD, left, pricing analyst for the Rio Grande at Denver, and Stan Selby, asst. vice president for western operations of Hewlett-Packard Corp., examine volumes to be used in the first transportation library in the Rocky Mountain region at dedication ceremonies at Emily Griffith Opportunity School. The library includes more than 800 volumes on the history and development of the traffic and transportation industry as well as Interstate Commerce regulations. Sponsors are the Denver Traffic Club, Delta Nu Alpha and the Rocky Mountain Chapter of ICC Practitioners. Hollard, who is certified as a member of the American Society of Traffic and Transportation, Inc., headed the library committee. Selby delivered the dedication address.

## J. Bert Byars Retires

A large crowd gathered in the Engineer's Office on March 3 for a special occasion, the retirement party for J. Bert Byars, assistant to chief engineer.

Ted Urban, a master speaker on such occasions, recalled the life of Bert both before and during his railroad career.

Bert was born on a farm between Carbondale and Murphysboro, Ill. He was the oldest of seven children. While in high school, he was captain of the track team, and according to Ted, this is where Bert gained his knowledge in "trackwork." Bert attended three years of college in Illinois and two years at Adams State Teachers College at Alamosa. He had planned on a teaching career and taught one year in an all-Spanish high school at Mogote in southern Colorado.

He gave up the teaching career and joined the Rio Grande as a chainman at Alamosa on Dec. 14, 1936. He held positions as rodman, secretary to division engineer, engineer's assistant. In 1941 he transferred to Denver as engineering assistant where he subsequently held positions as chief clerk in the Engineering Dept., appointed assistant engineer of capital expenditures in 1949, and on June 1, 1957, he was appointed assistant to chief engineer, a position he held at his retirement.

Bert has been a member of the AREA since 1955 and was active on committees where he served as chairman from 1968 to 1971. He is an active member of North Presbyterian Church; active in men's work and served as president of the Presbyterian Men of Synod of Colorado for two years.

His hobbies are cooking, and many have tasted his culinary art, gardening, horseback riding, crossword puzzles, writing plays and poetry, and is a master at the game of bridge.

His popularity and the esteem of his fellow coworkers was evident by the large group who came to wish him the best of everything for the future. A Polaroid Camera and an undetermined amount of cash were presented to him from his coworkers.

*Marriage is a wonderful institution — it teaches you patience, thrift, loyalty, punctuality, responsibility, and a lot of other things you would never need if you hadn't married.*

## New Book Releases By Kalmbach Pub. Co.

The diesel locomotives built by General Motors from the formative years of gas-electric doodlebugs and articulated streamlines to the mass production era of the E and F units, to the high horsepower era of the Geep roadswitchers is Kalmbach's latest work.

The "GM Scrapbook" released by Kalmbach Publishing Co., 1027 N. Seventh St., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53233, records the EMD history with 11 articles of the locomotives that revolutionized railroading. Nearly every domestic model and most export models appear at least once in the book's 277 photos.

In addition there is a 33-page photo section of GM diesels in action. For the model railroader, there are three foldout pages of 12 different diesel models in HO scale.

For those who are interested in the development of the diesel locomotives, this is a very informative book.

Authors are from *Trains* magazine and include David P. Morgan, Wallace W. Abbey, Harold A. Edmonson and Jerry A. Pinkepank. The GM Scrapbook comes in hardcover for \$7.50 and \$5.00 for the paperback.

Another publication from Kalmbach is for the model railroader, "Easy-to-Build Model Railroad Freight Cars."

This 100-page soft cover book highlights the low-cost art of scratchbuilding freight cars beginning with a flat car through box cars, hoppers, tanks and cabooses. Also included are various methods of adding detail to the cars to make them authentic looking.

This is a handy book for those who like to build their own rolling stock and is well worth the \$3.00 price tag.

Both books are available in the Denver area at Caboose Hobbies, 610 15th St., Denver 80202; Colorado Railroad Museum, P. O. Box 641, Golden, Colo. 80401; or from the publisher, address above.

## On the Cover

The lens of the camera generally captures the headend of a train. The office on wheels, the caboose, where the conductor and brakeman are located is seldom photographed. Scene is near Rocky west of Denver.

## NOTICE

A lady's wrist watch was found following the Veterans' Retirement Dinner at Cafe Caravan. Loser may identify and redeem it by calling Cafe Caravan, Grand Junction 242-2661.

# Caboozes are Scheduled for Reconditioning

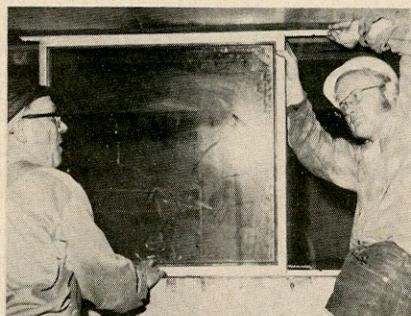
Watching a Rio Grande train roll by, it is quite a sight to see one of the refurbished cabooses on the rear end with its new color scheme that proclaims it is a Rio Grande train. The reason for this new look is a general reconditioning of Rio Grande's caboose fleet which is underway at Denver's Burnham shops. All cabooses are being scheduled for repair and refurbishing under this program.

The repair program consists of installing new metal-framed sliding sash windows in the cupola in place of the original wooden-frame windows. Replacing the friction journal bearing trucks with new roller bearing type. Wooden-framed car body windows are being replaced with metal-framed windows.

Other interior equipment, such as desks, stoves, seats,



CABOOSES ARE LINED UP at the Burnham Coach Shop waiting their turn to undergo "treatment" in the reconditioning program.



GEORGE LANG, carman, and Rick Sable, apprentice carman, are installing the metal-frame sliding sash window in the cupola.



TOMMY LELL, carman, is working on the cover for the marker light installation.



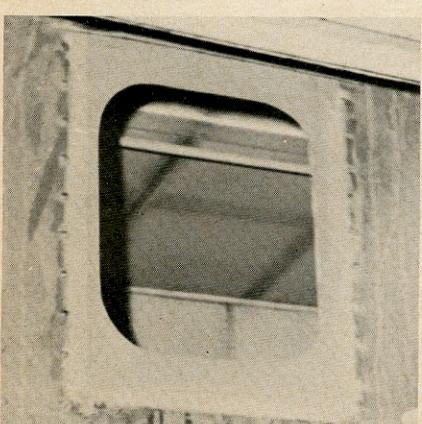
LEE GURSS is welding a metal-frame window that replaces the wooden frame in the caboose car body.



SOUND-DEADENING material is being applied on the interior of a caboose by George Buss.



REFLECTORIZED TAPE on end and steps of the caboose is a safety factor for night operation.



THE METAL FRAME is in place. After repainting, the weather-striped window will be installed.



FRESHLY PAINTED, 01445, with its new color scheme and markings, is ready to take to the high iron to bring up the "Action" on the rear of the train.

# "WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT"

April 2 marks the centenary passing of Samuel B. Morse whose invention of the telegraph marked one of history's greatest advances in the field of communication.

Morse became interested in the "black magic" called electricity while a student at Yale in 1810. He experimented with it as a hobby, but upon graduation he forgot about it. A series of lectures in 1829 at Columbia University renewed his interest in electricity and shortly afterward, while in Europe, he observed a semaphore system of signals which had been set up along a highway leading to Paris. The semaphore arms were set at different positions to denote words, and messages were relayed from one tower to the next.

While dining in the salon of a ship returning from France, he learned about some new discoveries in electromagnetism. One of the group explained the electromagnet consisted of a piece of iron bent in the shape of a horseshoe and wound with wire. When electric current is sent through the wire, the magnet would pick up a small bar of iron. The electricity travels instantly through the entire length of wire and caused the magnet to act.

Morse reasoned that, if electricity could be made to go over many miles of wire almost instantly and be made visible at any part of the circuit, then it should be possible to transmit messages by electricity.

It wasn't until the winter of 1835-36 that Morse built his first telegraph instruments and began the actual experimenting with them. His sending and receiving instru-

ments were quite crude. They worked with electrical impulses provided by one of the early jar-type batteries.

In 1838, he presented a successful demonstration for President Martin Van Buren and members of his Cabinet, but it was five years before he was able to get a \$30,000 appropriation from Congress to build an experimental telegraph line between Baltimore and Washington.

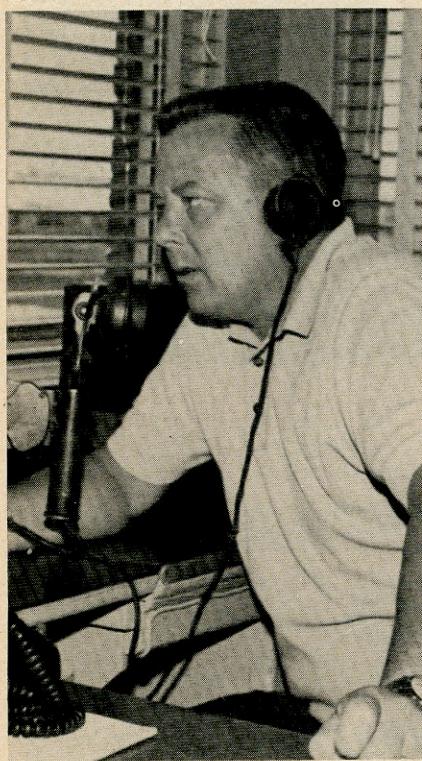
A line was run from the B&O station at Baltimore to the Supreme Court Chambers on the ground floor of the Capitol Building at Washington, and on May 24, 1844, the first historic telegraph message was tapped, "What Hath God Wrought."

Railroads were quick to see the potential value of the telegraph in their operation and provided right-of-way for telegraph lines. Operators, called "Lightning Slingers" due to their dexterity in sending messages, controlled the operation of trains between stations. Timetables quickly followed with trains operating on fixed schedules. There are many tales of heroism of the operators in averting wrecks, saving lives, etc., in those early days.

The telegraph instrument is now a collector's item, as it has been superceded by the telephone, radio, modern dispatching methods and the micro-wave system.

In a sense, today's electronic wizardry might be considered "What Hath God Wrought" with Morse's invention of the telegraph.

The Rio Grande joins in this tribute to Samuel B. Morse.



THE "COMPANY" TELEPHONE eventually replaced the telegraph key in sending messages between stations. Fred Guenther, agent at Craig, is making a call to a station down the line.



MICRO-WAVE relay stations are phasing out the telegraph lines. Rio Grande's rail system is blanketed with micro-wave.



RADIO COMMUNICATION between crew members at the head end and the caboose speeds up the movement of trains. Communication between trains and stations is also possible. George Sullivan, engineer.

# Happiness is . . . A Safety Conscious Employe

Safety meetings are held on a continuing basis throughout the Rio Grande system.

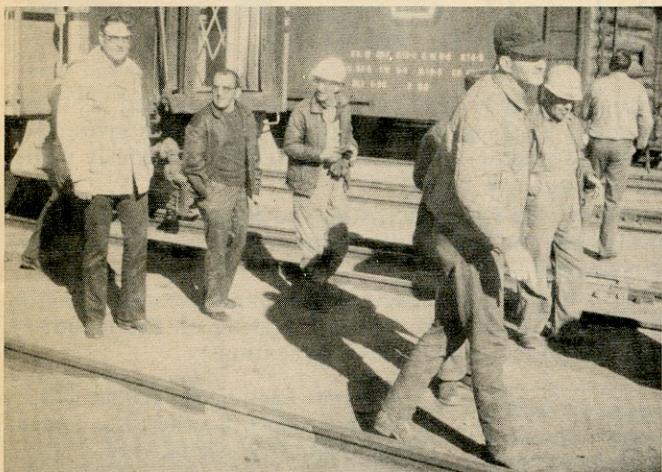
Various safety items are discussed at these meetings, with decisions being made on how to make railroad operations safer. In addition to discussions, safety movies are

shown depicting various ways on what not to do and the proper ways to accomplish a job for safety's sake.

Safety is everyone's business. A safety-conscious employe is the best asset the railroad can have.



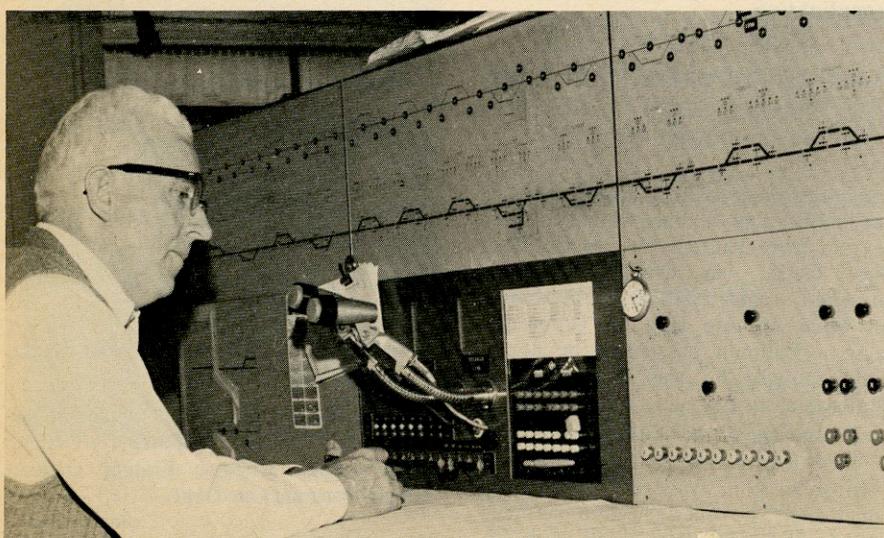
EMPLOYES ATTENDING THE SAFETY MEETING at Burnham are shown in the two views above. Pete Dimitroff was chairman of the meeting.



EMPLOYES are leaving the Safety Car at Alamosa after attending sessions there. Discussions and safety films are shown at various stations by this method.



R. E. DAVIS, supervisor of safety and fire prevention, is presenting the Mechanical Dept. Safety Award trophy to Ed Allen, master mechanic, Colorado Division. This is the only traveling award left on the Colorado Division. Utah Division is in possession of the others.



MODERN DISPATCHING methods and CTC control train for many miles, arranging meets between opposing trains. Tom Jackson, dispatcher, is at the console.



EYE SHADE and silk sleeve protectors were part of the attire of the operators of yesteryear. Lester Stuart, agent at Littleton, poses with his hand on the telegraph key much the same as they would in days gone by.

# Blood Bank Program Is Initiated

The Western Slope Veteran's Club has initiated a Blood Bank program whereby all Rio Grande employees and their families in Western Colorado and Eastern Utah may participate.

A large majority of the active membership, comprising 234 active employees, have expressed enthusiasm for the project and a willingness to participate in the program. Many younger employees who are not eligible for membership have volunteered as blood donors.

The program works in this way: When calls for donors are received and filled at the hospital, credits are built up for the Rio Grande Blood Bank account. These credits are transferrable to other hospitals in other cities where blood is needed for Rio Grande employees and their families. This will be handled through St. Mary's Hospital at Grand Junction. Their hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

It is important that employees know their blood type in order for them to be called when needed. St. Mary's

Hospital will type the members' blood at no charge.

It isn't necessary to wait for a call as members or employees may go to the hospital and donate blood specifying it is to be credited to the Rio Grande Blood Bank.

Kenneth Graham, past president of the Grand Junction Vets Club and a Clerk at East Yard, is chairman of the Blood Bank Committee. Graham reports that two Rio Grande employees have requested a total of six pints of blood to be repaid to hospitals for members and their families. St. Mary's Hospital has called twice for blood donors. One call was an emergency involving a woman leukemia patient.

As stated above, the program is not limited to Vets Club members as all Rio Grande employees are eligible to participate.

Should this program succeed in this area, perhaps other clubs would join in the program and make it system wide.

## The Vets Club Wants You

A concerted membership drive is underway by all the Rio Grande System Veterans' Clubs to recruit younger members into their organization.

Employees with 10 years' service with the Rio Grande, or more, are eligible with a modest dues fee of \$1.00 per year.

Membership in the various clubs affords an opportunity for employee friendship, not only with those with whom they work, but with those from other departments. It is a mistaken belief that the clubs are just for retired

persons, and they most certainly aren't excluded, as there are many working employees in the clubs. This gives all a chance to remain in contact with friends previously made and to make new friends.

Many and varied activities are arranged by the clubs throughout the year, with dinner meetings and fun times to please all.

It is urged that those who are eligible contact one of the persons listed here who are serving on the membership committee at the following locations:



**LITTLE SUNG HEROS** on the Rio Grande are the section men who are out in all sorts of weather, keeping the Rio Grande in operating condition. Epifano Vigil, left, and Lee Lucero were tightening rail joints on a cold day in January below Lascar, near Walsenburg. Temperature was near zero at the time.

*Whether a fellow winds up with a nest egg or a goose egg depends a heap on the kind of chick he married.*

*Money does make a difference. If you have two jobs and you're rich, you have diversified interests. If you have two jobs and you're poor, you're moonlighting.*

### Ashtray Smoked Him Out

That inner voice called conscience has a way of coming through even after many years.

A letter received from Florida reveals that in 1947 a gentleman, while traveling by train from Tampa, Fla., to Los Angeles, Calif., via Chicago, became "attached" to an ash tray in the dining car while enroute through Colorado. Being a Pullman passenger, he apparently thought he was entitled to a momento of his trip.

All went fine, but, as the years rolled by, each time he saw the ash tray he felt a twinge of guilt. In order to ease his "inner man," he sent a check in payment for his ill-gotten gain along with an apology.

Honesty pays!

Alamosa: Enos Jones, Freight Office; Candido Esquibel, Transfer; Lee Jordan, Mech. Dept.; C. L. Smith, Yard.

Denver: P. W. Ackermann, president, (333-1035); V. H. Immroth, Personnel Dept.; or any active Vets' Club member.

Grand Junction: Anello Arcieri, Car Dept.; Kenneth Graham, East Yard; Bill Easley, Depot.

Helper: Domenic Juliano, Depot.

Ogden: Frank Burch, Freight Office; John Painter, Yard Office; W. O. "Toots" Furniss, Engine Service.

Provo: Bob Wright, Freight Office; Frank Mikesell, Mech. Dept.

Pueblo: C. A. Beal or W. E. Clawson, Yard Office.

Salida: Lyle Bratton, George Kurtz or Mary Cassidy, Depot.

Salt Lake City: Cecil Pehrson or Harry Baker, Crew Dispatcher's Office, Roper; Jack Cowley, Freight Office; Ralph Nuzman, Car Dept.

**The Rio Grande Vets' Club**

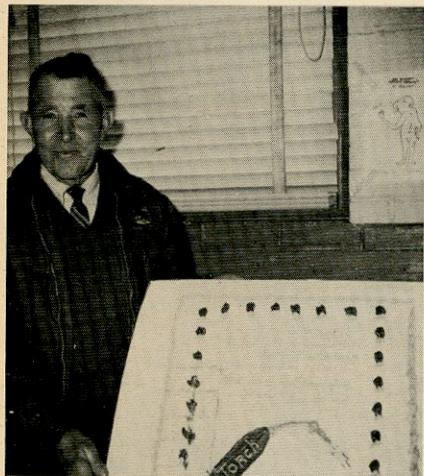
**Wants You**

*Rio Grande*

# Rail CHATTER on the Grande

## Burnham Notes

### Welding Gang



Henry E. Vandever, welder on the track gang, applied for his annuity on January 31 after 35 years with the Rio Grande.

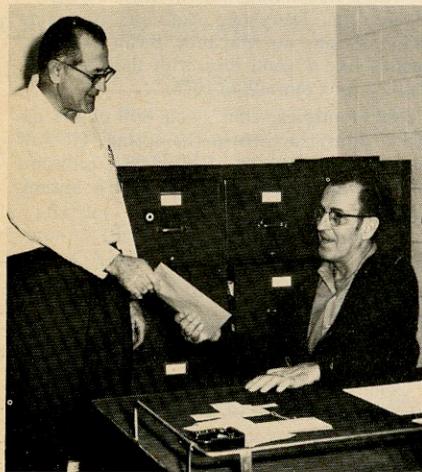
At the end of the shift on his last day of work, a party was held in his honor. Coffee and cake were served. The cake was decorated with a flaming welding torch (see above) denoting his service on the Grande. He was presented with an Instamatic camera from his co-workers.

Best wishes follow him in his retirement years. He plans to reside at Pueblo.

## Store Department

By Bill Moeller

John Ross and Bill Moeller wish to thank all those who contributed to Carl Gustafson's retirement. It was really a great tribute for Carl as he was well liked by his fellow employees.



Pete Dimitroff, material manager, is presenting Carl with a retirement gift from his many friends.

Bill Moeller was installed Royal Patron of Amaranth Court No. 4 on March 4. Congratulations!

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Virginia, wife of John Ross, has been in the hospital and is now recuperating at home. Wish her a speedy recovery.

## B&B Department

A letter received in the *Green Light* office states that Amos Spicer would like to thank all who attended his retirement party at the B&B Shop and to those who contributed towards the camera and money he received.

## Diesel Shop

By Elmer Schaefer

A welcome to the following employees, H. L. Roberts, machinist; G. S. Simmons, machinist helper; W. A. Crutcher, electrician; H. R. Bauer, apprentice electrician; J. R. Kress, Jr., carman helper; D. G. Velasco, laborer; W. R. Pike, laborer, and L. K. Eddy, laborer.

A speedy recovery is wished for John Belcik, a 97-year-old retired sheet metal worker.

The son of the Victor Stepsays, Jeff, represented George Washington High School in the All-city High School Toastmaster's Speech Contest on Feb. 18 and tied for third place. Congratulations!

The Glenn McGahas and Hugh Shortridge made the annual entourage of the Ski Mobile Enthusiasts to West Yellowstone National Park in February.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Louis Villano. Louis was a retired carman and worked in the coach yards for many years. Condolences to the family of Pasquale Iannacito, retired coach cleaner, who passed away recently.

Retired shopmen who had time to pay us a visit were: Charley Tartaglio, Steve Flakus, Stanley Evans, Shorty Robinson, Herb Zeitz, Louis Mudra, Bill Schultz, and Jimmy Breucht.

Many years of retirement are wished for Jake Dechant, carman helper, who retired after 28 years of service.

Gene Crossen is vacationing in Old Mexico. Jimmy Breucht is selling his Denver holdings and will move to California.

The sick list includes Nathan Jones, Jay Chapman, Ed Chaney and Bruce Middleton. Wish all a speedy recovery.

Victor Stepsay attended a meeting of general chairmen in Washington, D. C., recently.

## Salida Comments

By Maribee\*

It is quite a sensation to be driving along and suddenly be aware that there are red lights flashing behind. Harvey Walker, engineer, recently had this shaking experience. For Harvey it turned out well as the patrolman stopped him to hand out a certificate reading: "Congratulations. Your safe, courteous driving has been noticed by the Colorado State Patrol. It is my pleasure to nominate you for the Highway Safety Award presented monthly by the Colorado State Patrol,

The Denver Post and Denver U. S. National Bank.

"Please accept my congratulations for setting a fine example for other motorists. I hope you win the award and \$50 Savings Bond which accompanies it. (Signed) Forest K. Franklin."

Harvey was able to experience even greater pride after talking to Patrolman Franklin. The patrolman said, "You railroad engineers always drive safely. The emphasis the railroad places on safety really helps."

Patrolman C. L. Franklin is the son of C. L. Franklin, conductor, who works out of Grand Junction.

Howard McKinney, retired Pueblo engineer, has started something. His idea of a retirement home with nothing to do under a lazy sun is a little shack down in Ojo Caliente, New Mexico. His evident enjoyment of the location has sent several of his former co-workers traveling down New Mexico way, and at least one nearing retirement has expressed the desire to buy some land and build in Ojo Caliente.

Wondered why Howard practiced the New Mexican language on us when he was being called.

You often hear of enough boys in the family to make a baseball team, but Harold Nadon at Glenwood has his own basketball team—almost. He and his wife have been on the road a great deal lately. Two of the Nadon boys play on the high school basketball teams and Glenwood has been unbeaten up to the latter part of February. The younger two boys play on the varsity team. The Nadons don't have to worry about their leisure time during the basketball season.

Bert Keele, trainmaster, and wife have a mutual hobby—trailbike riding.

When Rip Heister, retired clerk, makes an occasional visit to his former stomping grounds, it isn't always to check up on what is new in railroading. His most recent visit was made because he couldn't stand around to hear Tinker, his white female poodle, get scolded by the Mrs. Tinker had to receive a vigorous scrubbing because she went right out after a bath and got into some hard-to-remove grease.

Leonard Clark, agent, finds interesting hints under his thermos cup each day. The Clarks' parakeet died the latter part of December, and since then Betty Clark has been hinting that she needs another pet. Each day Leonard finds a picture of a different kind of pet with written hints in the space between the top of the thermos and the cup. One day his eyes really bugged out. Not getting a response, Betty put in a picture of a dinosaur.

Robert Sutherland and Bill Ewald, telegraphers, traveled in opposite directions to make visits to their mothers. Bob went to Schuyler, Neb., to see his mother who is not in good health; Bill went to Redlands, Calif., to visit his mother as well as an aunt who underwent cataract surgery.

\*Mary B. Cassidy

# From the White House

## Communications

By Jack Halfacre

Taking top honors in Englewood's Kiwanis preliminary local "Stars of Tomorrow" competition, Sheridan's "Kiwanis Three" trio walked away with first place.



*STARS OF TOMORROW* winners from left are Val Isenhower, Judy Bush and Laura Halfacre.

Judy Bush, Laura Halfacre and Val Isenhouer sang and played their way right up to the Division Show to be held March 19 at Englewood High School Auditorium. Twelve groups will compete in this show. Winners will go to the District competition, which will appear on Channel 9 in Denver, with winners receiving a \$50.00 Savings Bond. Winners will then have an opportunity to attend the National Kiwanis Convention at Atlantic City in June.

## Expenditure Accounting

Sincere condolences to Robert Root and family. Bob's wife passed away on Feb. 23 of a heart attack. Bob retired in August 1969 as auditor of taxes and mortgages.

## System Freight Agency

Charles Cutforth

Sincere sympathy is extended to John Nimrod on the loss of his brother, Lloyd, who passed away suddenly on Feb. 20.

It is quite difficult for this reporter to settle down to office routine after spending 15 days with wife, Darlene, in the lovely Hawaiian Islands. The flowers, beaches, and friendly people made it a truly memorable vacation. It is heartily recommended that each reader make this trip and experience the pleasures found in the 50th state.

Ed Salazar and family took advantage of the three-day weekend to visit the folks in Alamosa. Dave and Ethelmae Greear visited friends at Glenwood Springs, where they spent so many years with the Rio Grande.

**Thought:** Women's Lib groups are trying to reverse the theory of evolution. They want to make monkeys out of men!

## Car Service Dept.

By Manfor Bauer

Sincere sympathies to Ruby Kaylor and Glenice Myers, both of whom lost their mothers recently.

Bob Nance attended a family reunion at

St. Joseph, Mo., and helped his grandparents celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

A welcome back to Lloyd Selby after a stay in St. Joseph's Hospital.

M. F. Bauer and sons, Tom and Ted, made a hurried business trip to Kansas City the latter part of February. They report considerable work needs to be done on the new sports complex housing the Kansas City Royals and Chiefs.

## Traffic Dept.

By Bob Hulstrom

Welcome to the Rio Grande family to Terry L. Campbell who was appointed office manager at Atlanta and to Robert L. Wilson on his appointment as office manager at Houston. Pleased to have you both with us.

Gerry Bennewitz, market director of fuels, presented a paper on Unit Train Economics at the American Institute of Mining Engineers' Convention at San Francisco, Feb. 23. Everyone was quite impressed.

Con Griswold is doing what he likes to do best by appearing at Bonfils Theatre in their current production of "Hadrian the VII."

## Personnel

Congratulations to Kathy Immroth who recently completed her student teaching at F. M. Day Elementary School at Westminster. A senior at Western State College, Kathy is on the Dean's List for fall quarter, earning a 4.0 average. She has been elected to Phi Alpha Theta honorary sorority, and is presently secretary of the WSC chapter. She is the daughter of Vern and Ilia Mae Immroth.

## Revenue Accounting

By Dick Eggleston

All were grieved at the passing on Feb. 2 of Clarence Bradford, brother of Winslow and Charles. Clarence was a former employee of the railroad and Motor Way. He participated widely in the company bowling and golf activities in bygone years. Sincere condolences are extended to the family.

During mid-February, John and Nada Sheflin journeyed to San Diego, "ole" for golf, sun and a visit with son, John, who is resident surgeon at San Diego Hospital.

Ed Davis and family made brief trips to Texas to visit his family in Pampa and Las Vegas. Being a former Texan, we're quite sure Ed enjoyed the tall topless Texas-style showgirls at the Silver Slipper on the Strip and the Jimmie Dean Show at the Landmark.

## Engineering Dept.

By Jeanne Gustafson

This department was honored with recent visitors: former employee, Billie Lundberg, was escorted by her 6-month-old grandson. (Billie is just about the "purtiest" grandma we've ever seen.) Other visitors were Otto Dvorak and Art Cudworth. Retirement certainly has been good to them, as they both appear to be in tip-top condition, healthy and handsome.

Bert Byars will join this happy group on March 31. A retirement party was held in his honor in the Engineering Dept.

## Transportation

Jack Thode, budget analyst, proved to be a good scout when he was the keynote speaker at the Cub Scouts Blue and Gold banquet held at Thornton, Colo., on Feb. 25. Jack told the boys all about the Rio Grande and the



great strides the railroad had made in the past 100 years. He is shown in the above photo explaining early railroad techniques, comparing them to the modern railroad of today. today.

## From the Top

By Irene Stevenson

Topic of conversation: What a wonderful opportunity TV gives us for travel—either to the moon, to Japan to see the Winter Olympics, or to view the China travelogue.

Meanwhile, back at home, Jim Pamp has been on a tour of duty with the Naval Reserve at Treasure Island and has been renewing his acquaintance with the Bay area.

John Walker's son, John (not a Jr.) graduated last June from Colorado University with a degree in accounting and is now attending the Navy Accounting School at San Diego—in uniform. Daughter, Barbara, is taking racing lessons at Arapahoe Basin ski area. Sounds like a good idea with the Olympics planned for Colorado in 1976.

Don Hambrick, Dick's son, will obtain his MBA from Harvard in the spring. He will take over as director of the MBA program at Penn State. That'll make him a Nitany Lion.

## Utah Division

By Fae Woodward

Congratulations to the Alan Michaelis family on the birth of a son on February 4. Alan is a secretary in the Division Office.

Walter J. "Bud" Deason has taken a well-earned vacation prior to his retirement. His many friends wished him a long and happy retirement.

Ray Irvine has taken over the duties as chief clerk in the Division Office. Best wishes to Ray in his new position.

## Helper

By Dom Juliano

Congratulations to Max Christensen and wife on the new addition to their family. Jenifer was born on Feb. 10.

A speedy recovery is hoped for George Martell who recently returned home after a brief stay in Holy Cross Hospital and to Phil Larsen who is now recuperating in Holy Cross Hospital.

Richard Pagano is sporting a patch on his cheek, supposedly obtained while participating in a turkey shoot or at the Gun Club. Don't let that shotgun talk back to you, Richard. After all, you're in charge.

Congratulations to Cliff Dyer for the 232 game and 568 series he recently bowled at the Bonnie Lanes.

Heinie VanNatta and wife, Helen, motored to Salt Lake on a business trip.

What ever happened to Big John Daskolas?

## Provo

By R. R. Rackle

Pleased to report that Mrs. Shepherd is recuperating at home after a stay in the Payson Hospital.

The father of Vic Griffith was a visitor at their home. He is a healthy 92-year-old. Krist, the daughter of the Rudy Rackles, husband and family from Seattle were recent visitors.

Another grandson has been added to the list of grandchildren of Dean Losee.

When the D. B. Bringhursts have a family reunion, it results in a large get-together.

Best wishes to Joe Moran who transferred to the Colorado Division as roadmaster. J. D. Williams is asst. roadmaster in this area.

Condolences to the Kenny Christensen family on the loss of his mother.

It is good to see Grover Martin, carman, back on the job after a long recuperating period from an operation.

## Colorado Springs

By Jim Kennedy

Howard Anderson, switchman, enjoyed one week's vacation at Yellowstone National Park and returned with a lot of good pictures.

Ben A. Thomison, janitor, gave his daughter, Shirley LaVada, in marriage at the Church of Christ, February 12, to Robert E. Johns of Amarillo, Texas. The bride graduated from Palmer High School, and the groom is a graduate of Palo Duro High School at Amarillo. They plan to make their home in Colorado Springs.

Sympathy to Bob Evans and family on the loss of his sister who passed away February 25 in Pueblo.

**Men don't marry women on \$25 a week any more. A girl must be making at least three times that much.**

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## Grand Junction

By Almeda Flint

After a visit with the Schuberts in Green Valley, Ariz., this reporter wore a lovely stone pendant, a gift from Carl. Carl is busy as ever. His present project is polishing and setting stones. He also teaches a large class in this art. He played Santa for a large group in that retirement city, and the day following our visit he cooked several turkeys for another holiday party.

Welcome to our new assistant roadmaster, M. R. Jacobs, who transferred from Salt Lake City.

Always a welcome visitor, Al Martin brought some good news on his last trip that his wife, Wilma, was able to accompany him. A note from Elsie Gleyre in Portland mentioned that Paul Giesking called her on a recent trip to the States.



**CONGRATULATIONS to the Raymond Myers who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on February 19. The Myers were married at Syracuse, N. Y. and moved to Grand Junction in 1924. Ray is a retired carman.**

One hears about horsetrading, but Frank Green has been doing some car-trading. He ended up with a beautiful Olds 98. Mr. Mac (C. E. McEnany) didn't mention it, but we noticed he drove away in a beautiful new car the other day. To do their part in cutting down on traffic accidents, Eddie and Venice Gries, George and Ione Green, and Walter Papke have taken a defensive driving course. C. F. Beard, retired conductor, mentioned having taken a trip to Canada.

Engineers Jim Money and wife, Roy Blackburn and wife are taking a bus trip to the East Coast and will go from there to the Bahamas. Sounds wonderful!

Happy to report that JN office manager, Ernie Cesario, had successful surgery in Denver and will soon be returning to Grand Junction. He plans to rest for quite some time before returning to work. Hear that Bill McClurg is doing better and is able to move about some. Bill Morrow is back on the job following surgery, as is Lou Ficklin. Lou is filling in while Ed Moran is on vacation. Others recently hospitalized include Billy Arant, machinist, with a heart attack, and Carl Aherns, conductor, who had surgery.

Sorry to hear that Charlie McNamara, retired engineer, a patient in Vet's Hospital here, is having to take oxygen. C. E. Bailey, Sr., another retired engineer, had been quite ill of pneumonia and fractured his back during a coughing spell.

Were shocked to hear that Carl McKibben passed away February 11. He had been in the office such a short time before, just bubbling with energy. Sincere sympathy to Mrs. McKibben. Also to the family of Albert Waters, retired engineer, who passed away early in February, and to the family of George Komatos, retired section foreman.

## Helper Vets

By Dom Juliano

The Helper Vet's Club and the Ladies Auxiliary held their annual meeting at the LaSalle Club on February 16.

Officers elected were: Desmond Peckham, president; Ray D. Anderton, vice president; Domenic Juliano, secretary-treasurer; Governing Board: George Grivet, Leo Dunn, Tom Migliaccio, secretary-treasurer: Two-year Black, Robert Stone and Ern Gardner.

Auxiliary officers are: Kathy Anderton, president; Jane Juliano, vice president; Rosa Migliaccio, secretary-treasurer: Two-year Governing Board: Bury Willis, chairman; Helen VanNatta, Nola Harden; Directors: Geneva Black, Claranell Day and Marilyn Nielsen.

Following the election and meeting, the ladies treated the men to pie and ice cream. It was delicious, and thank you, ladies.

The Annual Retirement Banquet will be held at the Elks Lodge on Sunday, April 23, at 3:00 p.m.

All club members who have not received their membership cards please pick them up from the secretary, and we urge all potential members to join our club.

## Salt Lake Vets

By F. C. Krauth

The Salt Lake Vets at their meeting of February 7 elected four members to the board of directors and discussed the programs for the coming year.

The first event will be a potluck dinner to be held on March 24 at the Ops. Credit Union Bldg., 37 W. 1700 South, 6:30 p.m. Please bring your own dishes and silverware.

Other programs for the year are taking shape and members will be notified.

Those who have not paid their dues for 1972, the officers will be available to receive them. Would also welcome those who have ten years or more seniority with the railroad who have not joined. Know you would enjoy the fun and fellowship of the Vets Club.

A sad note was received from the family of Ole Henderson. Ole passed away on January 13. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family. Mrs. Henderson is 94 years old and lives at Glendale, Calif.

# Gift of Appreciation



**ART CUDWORTH**, retired engineer of structures, admires inscribed electric clock presented recently in Denver by the Minturn and Helper Railroad YMCA's. Gift is in appreciation of the many hours he contributed to the Y's as a member of their committees of management for 15 years. Cudworth worked for the Rio Grande 31 years prior to his retirement January 1.

## Salt Lake Auxiliary

P. A. Ernstsen

The Salt Lake Vets Auxiliary held a Valentine party on February 14 at the Chuck-A-Rama. Over 20 members were present. It was good to see some who had not attended in some time.

Prizes were awarded winners in the Bingo game, and an enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

**Critic:** "What an odd posture for the statute of a general."

**Sculptor:** "It isn't my fault. I had the statue half finished when the committee decided it couldn't afford to put him on a horse."



**BILL HICKS**, electrician at Burnham, center, retired with over 25 years of service on the Rio Grande. He was presented a scale model diesel locomotive mounted on track which in turn was mounted on a piece of rail. Shown with Bill are Dick Elston, electrical foreman, left, and LeRoy Rome, electrician.

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## Denver Vets

By Foyle Troxel

The February potluck dinner was enjoyed by more than 70 members. It was good to see so many in attendance. Several new members were there. Hope to see more of them in the future.

Sure made a mistake in announcing the date for the March meeting in the last *Green Light*. Hope no one tried to play Bingo on the 8th, but do come on the 16th.

Mark your calendar for April 20 for another potluck dinner. Fried chicken will be furnished.

Attention, Auxiliary members! There will be a card party at the Public Service Bldg. on May 15 with door prizes.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Louis Villano who passed away Feb. 19.

Kathryn and John Schneider have sold their home and are moving into an apartment at Metro Manor. Gladys Watts is also moving to Metro Manor. Hope they will be very happy in their new residence.

Velma and Pete Ackermann happily announced the arrival on Feb. 23 of a great granddaughter, Tracy Kay. They are also concerned about their son, who is in the hospital for tests.

## West Slope Vet's

By Bill Easley

The Grand Junction Vet's Auxiliary No. 4 met in the Public Service Bldg. on Feb. 16. Plans were made to hold a rummage sale around the last week in March. By-laws revisions were discussed and a committee was selected to prepare the necessary changes to be presented to the group at the next meeting to be held on March 15.

President Norabelle Easley announced that the executive board at a recent meeting had elected Lillian Schoening to fill the vacancy of vice president and Shirley Petrafeso was selected to fill the vacancy on the governing board. Shirley and Lillian were assisted by Myrtle Forstrom as hostesses for the evening.

## Provo Vets

By Bob Wright

A potluck dinner was held on Feb. 25, and a good time was had by all. There were 36 who attended and enjoyed a wide variety of warm and cold dishes which were excellent.

Winners of the Monte Carlo Whisk were Earl Stupeck, Harry Howser and Paul Thigpen. For the better halves, Nell Crawford, Helen Meason and Julia Conk took the honors. Each received an appropriate gift.

Last month, this reporter mistakenly reported an attendance of 50 at the Christmas party. It should have been 150.

Understand Fred and Hazel Simmons are enjoying themselves in the Yuma, Ariz., area. The Club sends them their best.

A membership drive is on for the Vet's Club. Anyone with 10 years or more seniority with the Rio Grande is eligible. Cost is a reasonable \$1.00 per year. Joe Wenz or Wayne Thomas may be contacted at their homes, or Bob Wright, at the depot, will be more than happy to oblige you in attaining membership.



THREE "SENIOR EMPLOYES" who retired during the past year are Leroy Lamb, James Flynn and John Ritchie with over 154 years of service between them at Grand Junction.

## Denver Bowlers

By Chuck Graham

The Back Shop is still in first place and have been since October 28. They have 62 wins and 38 losses. The Flashovers are closing in fast with 18 straight wins for a total of 59 wins and 41 losses. Lew Wurm is the top individual bowler with a 170 average, but Ron Bott is close on his heels. Walt Fischbach has taken over the Most Improved Bowler with a 170 average, 17 pins over last year. Al Fjeldsted holds high scratch series with a 636.

Walt Gotlin is the new holder of scratch game honors with a 266. He earned the Century Award along with joining the 250 Club. Bob Linnet is high handicap bowler with a 672, and Wilbur Ladd has a 270 handicap game.

A little spice turns up now and then with the bowlers. Leaving the bowling alley recently, Fay Theis was seen on his hands and knees crawling through the parking lot. His wife, Ruth, who was standing by, and Fay were both laughing quite heartily. Seems Fay's bowling ball slipped from his bag and rolled through the parking lot, lodging itself under a car. There was nothing else to do but get down on all fours to locate the elusive ball.

Pleased to have Oscar Trice back with his team after an auto accident. He is a very close contender for the most improved bowler award.



**EDWARD AND MARTHA McNAMARA**, husband and wife, took their retirement during 1971. Jim Greener, Utah Division superintendent, presented them with their service pins at Salt Lake.

Rio Grande

# SUCCESS

*(The following has appeared in a number of publications in recent years but maintains its timeliness and impact.)*

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wllx xxcept for onx of thex kxys. I havx wishxd many timxs that it workxd pxrfctly. It is trux that thxrx arx forty-six kxys that function wllx xnough, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx diffrrxnex.

Somxtimxs it sxmms to mx that our company is somxwhat likx my typxwritxr—not all thx kxy pxoplx arx working propxrl.

You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll I am only onx pxrson—I won't makx or brxak thx company." But it doxs makx a diffrxnecx bxcausx a company to bx sufficixnt, nxxds thx participation of xvqry pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx you think you arx onx pxrson and that your xfforts arx not nxxdxd, rmxmxbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxrson in thx company, and I am nxxdxd vxry much."

## NARBW Plans Special Speakers for Meeting

By Betty Tidball

A Public Affairs Meeting was planned for the National Association of Railway Business Women for March 15.

Representatives from various women's associations throughout the Denver area were invited. Two guest speakers were on the program, Al Rung, vice president of public affairs and advertising, and R. K. Hance, director of audio-visual service, both of the Burlington Northern. These gentlemen came from St. Paul and spoke on "The Growing Need for Business to Communicate More Effectively with the Public."

The dinner meeting was held at the Continental Denver Motor Hotel with a social hour preceding the meeting. The meeting was in charge of Iola McMurray, public affairs chairman of the NARBW.

## Suggestions

Suggestions received for review and discussion:

16265	20594	31126
18436	20702	31158
19665	21431	31206

The following suggestions received and for various reasons not adopted:

19156	31143
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The following suggestion was adopted. Identification stub should be mailed to the Personnel Office:

16265
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Last month's winners were Malcolm K. Campbell and Donald G. Howe, carmen at Burnham.

Will the originator of Suggestion No. 19665 contact the Shop Superintendent at Burnham?

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# The Grande People

By Ann Eckberg

## Retirements

(Years of Service is shown)

Bower, Harold L., Denver, Conductor, 30, Jan. 1  
Brock, Oliver A., Grand Junction, Crew Dispatcher, 27, Jan. 4  
Cudworth, Arthur G., Denver, Engineer of Structures, 31, Jan. 1  
Darlington, Malcolm R., Minturn, Telegrapher, 4, Sept. 13, 1970  
Hennrich, Carl W., Denver, Conductor, 28, Dec. 16  
Hicks, William L., Denver, Electrician, 25, Nov. 11  
Jachetta, Montrose E., Pueblo, Machinist, 45, Dec. 13, 1970  
Jacketta, Frank E., Salt Lake City, Carman, 42, Jan. 9  
Lamoreaux, Elmer O., Helper, Switchman, 28, Dec. 1  
Leiter, John C., Salt Lake City, Locomotive Engineer, 44, Jan. 1  
Lewis, Percy D., Denver, Teletype Maintainer, 35, Dec. 16  
Luthy, Walter A., Salt Lake City, Switchman, 30, Jan. 1  
Madrid, John A., Durango, Coach Cleaner, 23, Apr. 10, 1971  
Madsen, Earl S., Salt Lake City, Carman, 49, Dec. 4  
McDowell, Theodore I., Salida, Conductor, 47, Dec. 11  
McGill, Patrick L., Pueblo, Carman, 43, Sept. 13, 1970  
McKinney, Joseph H., Pueblo, Locomotive Engineer, 31, Jan. 1  
McNamara, Edward J., Salt Lake City, Warehouse Foreman, 42, Jan. 1  
Ortiz, Manuel S., Paonia, Section Laborer, 24, Nov. 23, 1970  
Porter, John P., Grand Junction, Sheet Metal Worker, 20, Oct. 30  
Rummel, Charles M., Denver, Clerk, 27, Dec. 30  
Smith, Albert H., Denver, Clerk, 52, Jan. 1  
Summers, Sheldon B., Grand Junction, Trainman, 27, Dec. 5  
Williams, Lendon G., Pueblo, Signal Maintainer, 38, Dec. 1

## Losses

(Date of death shown)

Anderson, Fred, Salt Lake City, Locomotive Engineer, 79, Dec. 26  
Chapman, James P., Denver, Engine Dispatcher, 51, Feb. 14  
Cruz, Carlos S., Canon City, Section Laborer, 68, Nov. 29  
Davis, Raymond R., Modesto, Calif., B&B Helper, 68, Jan. 13  
Enroth, Harry E., Denver, Mechanical Laborer, 70, Jan. 22  
Fazio, Felix, Grand Junction, Boilermaker Helper, 77, Jan. 7  
Henderson, Abel M., Los Angeles, Locomotive Engineer, 94, Jan. 1972  
Iannacito, Pasquale, Denver, Coach Cleaner, 78, Feb. 26  
Long, Jess J., Denver, Locomotive Engineer, 72, Jan. 26  
Lundstrom, Ernest H., Salt Lake City, Road Foreman of Equipment, 78, Jan. 28  
McCarthy, Margaret J., Denver, Stenographer, 71, Jan. 27  
McKibben, Carl M., Grand Junction, B&B Carpenter, 69, Feb. 11  
Murphy, David F., Grand Junction, Brakeman, 70, Jan. 12  
Nielsen, Niels P., Denver, Sheet Metal Worker Helper, 89, Dec. 6  
Schnitman, Burton, Denver, Supervisor of Structures, 84, Dec. 25  
Thurman, Elmo M., Salt Lake City, Trainman, 53, Feb. 14  
Villano, Louis, Denver, Carman, 69, Feb. 19  
Waters, Albert, Grand Junction, Locomotive Engineer, 84, Feb. 7

*Wife: I see that the police are looking for a tall handsome man for assaulting women.*

*Husband: No kidding. What does it pay?*

*Wife: You forgot my birthday again.*

*Sharp Hubby: How do you expect me to remember when you never look any older?*

## RECENT APPOINTMENTS

J. M. Archuleta, Track Supervisor	.....	Ephraim
D. R. Havlik, Office Manager	.....	Chicago
R. H. Marcus, Train Yard Foreman	.....	Denver
H. V. Meek, General Roadmaster	.....	Grand Junction
J. R. Moran, Trainmaster-Roadmaster	.....	Alamosa
J. D. Williams, Assistant Roadmaster	.....	Provo
R. L. Wilson, Office Manager	.....	Houston

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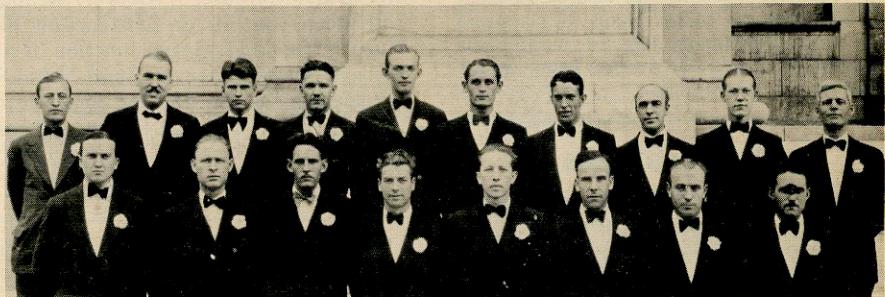
## Helper Will Host Bowling Tournament

Helper will host its Fourth Annual Invitational Rio Grande Bowling Tournament the weekend of March 25-26.

Plans for a successful tournament are underway and entry blanks available by contacting Marilyn Nielsen, 4 South 4th Ave., Helper, Utah 84526.

Purpose of the tournament is to renew acquaintances and to promote friendship among Rio Grande employees as well as to foster and encourage good fellowship and fair play.

All Rio Grande "Ten Pin Keglers" are welcome.



D&RGW SCENIC LINE SERENADERS men's chorus appeared at many functions throughout Denver during the early 1930's. The group also appeared on several occasions at theaters where they sang during intermissions between films. Of the group shown only two are still working, Clinton Krieger, Revenue Accounting, sixth from left back row, and Winston Hollard, Traffic Dept., fifth from left front row.



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